

Listing of Claims

The following listing of claims replaces all prior versions and listings of claims in the application.

1. (Currently Amended): Ultra opaque coated sheet, ~~characterised in that it which~~ comprises a coloured support made from a single ply of material, ~~the said support being coated on~~ at least one of its faces with one or more white pigmented coats.
2. (Currently amended): Sheet according to ~~the preceding claim 1, characterised in that it which~~ has an ultra opacity index of more than 92, ~~and advantageously more than or equal to 94 in the case in which its grammage is less than 300 g/m² and its ultra opacity index is more than 94, and advantageously more than or equal to 98 if its grammage is greater than or equal to 300 g/m².~~
3. (Currently amended): Sheet according to claim 1 ~~or 2, characterised in that wherein~~ its whiteness measured according to standard ISO 11475 is more than 75, ~~and preferably greater than or equal to 78.~~
- 4.(Currently amended): Sheet according to ~~one of the preceding claims claim 1, characterised in that wherein~~ the single ply of material is a paper single ply based on cellulose fibres.
5. (Currently amended): Sheet according to ~~one of claims 1 to 3 claim 1, characterised in that wherein~~ the single-ply material is a plastic film.
6. (Currently amended): Process for manufacturing a sheet according to ~~one of the preceding claims claim 1, characterised in that wherein~~ at first a coloured support is made from a

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single ply of material, and this support is then coated on at least one of its faces with one or several white pigmented coatings.

7. (Currently amended): Process according to ~~the preceding claim 6, characterised in that wherein~~ the deposit of the white pigmented coat(s) is made using a curtain coating head.

8. (Currently amended): Process according to ~~either~~ claim 6 or 7, ~~characterised in that wherein~~ the single ply of material is a paper based on cellulose fibres.

9. (Currently amended): Process according to ~~the preceding~~ claim 8, ~~characterised in that wherein~~ opacification is obtained by incorporating opacifying pigments in the paper bulk.

10. (Currently amended): Process according to claim 8, ~~characterised in that wherein~~ opacification is obtained by depositing a precoat of opacifying pigments either using a size press or using a coating device, on the paper surface.

11. (Currently amended): Process according to ~~the preceding~~ claim 10, ~~characterised in that wherein~~ the coating device used to deposit the precoat of opacifying pigments is a curtain coating head, ~~and preferably the deposit is made at the same time as the surface application of the white pigmented coat(s) described in claim 7, and using the same curtain coating head.~~

12. (Currently amended): Process according to ~~either~~ claim 6 or 7, characterised in that the single ply of material is a coloured plastic film or a plastic film covered by a coloured opacifying precoat.

13. (Currently amended): Process according to ~~one of claims 6 to 12~~ claim 6, characterised in that the colouring material used is carbon black.

14. (Currently amended): Ultra opaque playing card obtained by the process according to ~~one of claims 6 to 13~~ ~~claim 6 or using a sheet defined according to one of claims 1 to 5~~, as its base.

15. (New): Sheet according to claim 2, which has an ultra opacity index of more than or equal to 94 and a grammage of less than 300 g/m²

16. (New): Sheet according to claim 2, which has an ultra opacity index of more than or equal to 98 and a grammage greater than or equal to 300 g/m².

17. (New): Sheet according to claim 3, wherein its whiteness measured according to standard ISO 11475 is greater than or equal to 78.

18. (New): Process according to claim 11, wherein the deposit of the white pigmented coat(s) is made using a curtain coating head.

19. (New): Ultra opaque playing card obtained using a sheet defined according to claim 1, as its base.